

of 205–91, and, perhaps most importantly, his leadership on and off the field has impacted the lives of countless students in Northwest Florida.

His inspiration and dedication to improving the lives of those around him, however, is not limited to the playing field, track, or in the weight room, but rather extends far beyond into the larger Northwest Florida community. Coach Lindsey has sponsored the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 30 years and serves as a deacon at Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida. Additionally, in 1993, Coach Lindsey initiated the Patriot Pal program, a mentoring program that continues to exist today and pairs football players with elementary school students.

As evidenced by his tremendous success, Coach Lindsey has much to be proud of and can look back on a well accomplished career. His strong leadership and passion for coaching may have led him to achieve what many coaches can only hope to throughout their coaching careers, and though his accomplishments are many, Coach Lindsey's greatest accomplishment is his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Coach Mickey Lindsey on his well-earned retirement after 39 years of dedicated service to public education and thank him for his commitment to service and inspiration to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki and I wish him; his wife, Gayle; daughter Jessica and son-in-law Matt, son Jay and daughter-in-law Carrie, as well as his grandchildren Jayden and Avery all the best for continued success.

**HONORING BENTWORTH HIGH
SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE NA-
TIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS
PROGRAM RECOGNITION**

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bentworth High School for receiving the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognition.

Since 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has celebrated schools that have either made significant improvements or achieved an outstanding level of school-wide performance. This year, only 335 schools in the United States were honored with this distinction, including the 9th District's Bentworth High School. In order to achieve this distinction, schools must earn test scores that illustrate advanced or strongly improving academic achievement.

Supporting a hard working student population of about 400, fewer than 50 dedicated teachers and personnel have worked together to increase overall academic achievement at Bentworth. Using strategies to help identify economically disadvantaged students and embracing its relatively small size, Bentworth High School and its surrounding community have provided students with a uniquely personalized educational experience. Furthermore, this involved approach has enabled Bentworth High to provide its students with a challenging curriculum, specialized support

services, and valuable extracurricular programs.

Today it is my privilege to congratulate Bentworth High School for its National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition. I'm also proud to highlight the dedicated effort of all those who helped earn this award as it illustrates the spirit of the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION
PROGRAMS IN AFRICA**

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I convened a hearing on the topic of food security and nutrition programs in Africa. I am the sponsor of the Global Food Security Act of 2015, a bill which in its prior iteration passed the House of Representatives. The Global Food Security Act, H.R. 1567, will help provide a long-term strategy to combat global hunger by authorizing the existing national food security initiative coordinated by USAID commonly known as Feed the Future. It is a bill with broad bipartisan support, including the original co-sponsorship of my friend and colleague KAREN BASS as well as Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman ED ROYCE and Ranking Member ELIOT ENGEL.

Investing in global food security is a policy that is both penny wise and pound wise.

This program strengthens nutrition, especially for children during that critical first 1000-day window, from conception to the child's second birthday.

Indeed, there is perhaps no wiser investment that we could make in the human person than to concentrate on ensuring that sufficient nutrition and health assistance is given during the first one thousand days of life: A thousand days that begins with conception, continues throughout pregnancy, includes the milestone of birth and then finishes at roughly the second birthday of the child.

Children who do not receive adequate nutrition in utero are more likely to experience life-long cognitive and physical deficiencies, such as stunting. UNICEF estimates that one in four children worldwide is stunted due to lack of adequate nutrition.

By addressing nutrition during the first 1000 days of life, we help lay the groundwork that the next 25,000 days—or whatever the number is that our Creator has allotted—are filled with good health.

As the three witnesses at the hearing attested, enhancing food security is also transformational in the lives of millions of small-holder farmers throughout the world, particularly women. Feed the Future teaches small-scale farmers techniques to increase agricultural yield, thereby helping nations achieve food security, something that is in the national security interest of the United States as well.

It is also economical in the long run, and should lead to a reduction in the need for emergency food aid. The approach we have taken in the Global Food Security Act is fiscally disciplined, authorizing an amount for 2016 which is less than what we appropriated for food security programs in 2014. USAID is nevertheless able to do more with less by

leveraging our aid with that of other countries, the private sector, NGOs and, especially faith-based organizations, whose great work on the ground in so many different countries impacts so many lives, and who were ably represented at the hearing by Carolyn Woo of Catholic Relief Services.

By statutorily authorizing this existing program, which had its roots in the Bush administration and was formalized by President Obama, we are also increasing our oversight by requiring the administration to report to Congress.

Political will is absolutely essential to enacting a global food security policy that will continue. Such interventions in the lives of so many people in Africa, particularly in the first 1000 days of life, are not only cost-effective but morally imperative.

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO'S
NURSE PRACTITIONER PRO-
GRAM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of the University of Colorado's Nurse Practitioner program. In 1965, CU College of Nursing professor Loretta Ford and CU School of Medicine professor Henry Silver came together to create the nation's first nurse practitioner training program. Motivated by a desire to increase access to pediatric care in underserved rural and urban communities, they sought to expand and empower the role of nurses on the front lines of health care. Their efforts led to the establishment of the nation's modern advanced practice nursing workforce.

Their idea caught fire in 1966 when Time Magazine profiled one of the programs first graduates, Sue Stearly, who was successfully practicing in the small town of Trinidad, Colorado. Time called CU students "a new breed of nurse." By 1973, sixty-five nurse practitioner training programs existed across the country. Today there are more than 205,000 nurse practitioners in the United States making more than 916 million patient visits per year according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Today's nurse practitioners diagnose and treat patients in a variety of primary, acute, and specialty care settings. They are essential to meeting this country's healthcare workforce needs. According to Colorado Health Careers, within the next decade, nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists will be among the nation's ten fastest-growing occupations. Nurse practitioners from the CU College of Nursing are at work across America. The College of Nursing's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program continues to be one of the strongest in the country, and today the college leads the way with a variety of specialized nurse practitioner programs in fields such as psychiatric mental health and women's health.

On October 2nd, the CU College of Nursing, along with the CU School of Medicine, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of their groundbreaking Nurse Practitioner Program. I invite you to join me in honoring the efforts of pioneering educators Loretta Ford and Henry

Silver, who helped to spark this remarkable change in American medical care.

HONORING TYRONE AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS PROGRAM RECOGNITION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tyrone Area High School for receiving the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognition.

Since 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has celebrated schools that have either made significant improvements or achieved an outstanding level of school-wide performance. This year, only 335 schools in the United States were honored with this distinction, including the 9th District's Tyrone Area High School. In order to achieve this distinction, schools must earn test scores that illustrate advanced or strongly improving academic achievement.

As the Tyrone Area High School mission statement explains, there is an expectation that all students will achieve high levels of personal and academic success. Thanks to the hard work of dedicated students and the support of not only highly organized administrators and teachers but also the community, Tyrone Area High School has attained this extraordinary honor. Furthermore, this involved and no-nonsense approach has enabled Tyrone students to achieve this recognition despite lacking the same resources as some of the state's wealthiest districts.

A true mark of its high expectations, Tyrone High exposes all of its students to college-level coursework, and the results speak for themselves. Tyrone students led a state of 541 districts in both writing achievement and growth in 2012, and placed first in the state in 2013 for literature growth. In 2014, Tyrone had the highest School Performance Profile in the 35-district Intermediate Unit.

It is my privilege to congratulate Tyrone Area High School for its National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition. I'm also proud to highlight the dedicated and involved effort of all those who made this award possible as it represents the spirit of the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOSEPH YOUNG

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor the life and legacy of Mr. Joseph Young who made his heavenly transition on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. A native of Chicago, Illinois, Joseph was the fifth of eight children born to the union of the late Willie Frank Young and Margaret Elizabeth Lindly.

Joseph relocated to New Orleans in 1965, where he would meet his future wife Perry,

while she was matriculating at Dillard University. Upon returning to Chicago, Joseph answered the call to serve his country in the United States Army, where he would serve a tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam before being discharged with the rank of Sergeant in 1970. Joseph and Perry were united in holy matrimony on July 18, 1970 and to this union, one son, Damon Avery, was born and their second son, Jimmy Myu, was adopted.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his life, Mr. Young served in positions of leadership. Whether serving as President of the Foster Park Community Council, organizing two separate little league baseball teams, or serving in a political capacity as Field Director for former Congressman Harold Washington's mayoral campaign in 1983 and Illinois State Director for the 1992 Clinton Campaign, Mr. Young set so many examples of leadership and courage. A feat that was recognized in his becoming the first African American Illinois State Director for the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Young will surely be missed. I join his devoted and loving wife, Perry; two sons, Damon Avery and Jimmy Myu (Nikkie); daughter, Lavitia (Rev. Larry) Arnold, brother, Supt. James Young (Betty Jean), sisters, Rev. Rhoda Barnes and Judy Young, sister-in-law Gert; grandchildren; nephews, nieces and many friends and colleagues in mourning his passing. I am honored to pay tribute to this dedicated community and political leader.

HOUSTON DYNAMOS HONOR SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JOHN "SPIKE" GARCIA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Houston Dynamos have brought a new energy to Houston. The soccer team has drawn fans from across the country and given Houstonians another reason to embrace the color orange—besides the Houston Astros. Houston's Major League soccer team will celebrate its 10 year anniversary this month on October 18th at BBVA Compass Stadium against the Seattle Sounders. During this game the team will honor its past and present players and they will recognize our local veterans. Included in the team's recognition is one particular veteran who has given so much of his energy and all of his heart to helping our local veterans transition back home: John "Spike" Garcia. Spike will call in the flyover and be honored by the Dynamos during half-time.

If there is any area veteran that embodies the best of our nation, state and community it is Spike Garcia. Spike began his military career with the U.S. Army in 1983 and later served for 27 years with the Texas Air National Guard, retiring at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. He volunteered for two combat tours to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Each day, after performing his military duties, he volunteered at the Air Force Theater Hospital in Balad.

He previously served as the Airfield Manager for the 147th Reconnaissance Wing Joint Reserve Base at Ellington, and for his service,

he has received numerous honors, including the 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Commander's Award and an Air Force One support presentation by President George W. Bush.

Not only is Spike an honorable defender of liberty and freedom, he has a heart for supporting others, which is why the Dynamos' recognition of him is even more fitting. He is a dedicated father of two who spends his free time helping out his fellow man. He is a member of the Lone Star Veterans Association, the Armed Forces Appreciation Committee for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Houston Military Affairs Committee and he serves on my Service Academy Nomination Board for the Second Congressional District—just to name a few. The Houston Dynamos have selected a very deserving member of our community to be recognized. As Spike humbly put it, they could have selected anyone and they chose him.

Spike has helped out the Dynamos' program since the beginning, and they consider him family. The name dynamo describes someone of great energy, a tenacious individual who never gives up. I can't think of anyone who exemplifies this more than Spike Garcia.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN AND PHYLLIS MOORE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alan and Phyllis Moore of Red Oak, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Alan and Phyllis were married in 1965.

Alan and Phyllis' lifelong commitment to each other and their children truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Collegiate Honors Council for their 50th anniversary this year. The National Collegiate Honors Council represents 800 colleges and universities and is composed of 325,000 students dedicated to achieving educational excellence in diverse subject curriculum areas in order to achieve professional career goals.

In my district, the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College in the University of Mississippi has given thousands of our most